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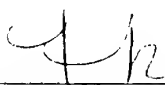
FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.
 ▪ \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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In re Patent Application of:

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Serial No. 10/022,801

Filed: December 20, 2001

For: SPINDLE-SHAPED MAGNETIC ALLOY PARTICLES FOR MAGNETIC
RECORDING, AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Application Branch

Atty. Dkt. 1417-377

Date: January 30, 2002



The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application:

- ☒ Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application alone, OR
☐ Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings.
☒ **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED** form.
☒ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

2000-399312

Country

Japan

Day/Month/Year Filed

27/12/2000

respectively.

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____, filed _____.
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee.
☐ Also attached: ☐ **Information Disclosure Statement**; ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**; ☐ **Other**:

Fees due are calculated below:

Basic filing fee					\$	740.00
Total Effective claims	13	- 20 =	0	x \$	\$	0.00
Independent claims	4	- 3 =	1	x \$	\$	84.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)						\$ 0.00
FILING FEE						\$ 824.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months; \$1440.00/4 months)						\$ 0.00
Surcharge (\$130.00) if Declaration or filing fee first now submitted						\$ 130.00
English translation of specification and claims (\$130.00)						\$ 0.00
FIRST SUBTOTAL						\$ 954.00
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SECOND SUBTOTAL						\$ 954.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)						\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE DUE						\$ 994.00
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